

of Theising. The handle cam and annular bearing arrangement of the present invention provides a smoother action and longer life over prior art fence assemblies having a wear surface.

Theising does not disclose or suggest rotatably supporting the handle cam only by annular bearings, and the fence locking structure of Theising operates via direct contact between the handle and the housing in which the handle is situated. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that independent claims 45 and 50 are patentable over Theising.

Claims 51 and 52—

Section 6 of the parent application final office action rejected claims 51 and 52 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Theising in view of U.S. Patent No. 1,938,548 to Tautz. Claims 51 and 52 both depend from claim 50, which as noted above, is believed to be in condition for allowance. For at least this reason, claims 51 and 52 are also allowable, and a detailed analysis is unnecessary.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all pending claims of the present application are allowable. As evidenced by the above amendments and remarks, the Applicants have made a genuine effort to advance this case to issuance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.